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## NIGHT CLUB FIRE

Berlin, Feb. 9.  
Police headquarters estimated today that one was killed and 40 injured last night and early this morning when a fire swept through a night club in the British sector of the city.

They said it was impossible to make an accurate check on the number of dead because bodies were still being dragged out of smoldering ruins at noon today.

The police said five British soldiers had been admitted to hospital along with many Germans. It could not be learned immediately whether any British troops died in the fire. Most of the dead were believed to be German.

A police official said most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

"How we are going to identify them I do not know. They are horribly burned," he said.

The fire took place in Cafe Label, the British authorities reported. The night club was an "in bounds" cafe open to British troops. Most of Berlin's night clubs are off-limits to British and American soldiers.

The police estimated that several hundred persons were in the night club when the fire broke out. According to the police, hospital facilities in this severely bombed city are being taxed to the utmost to handle the casualties.

A Police communique said the identified dead person was a German woman. Her name was withheld.

A fancy dress ball was in progress at the club when flames broke through the ceiling. Witnesses said the people became "hysterically panicky" and rushed for the exits. Two women sustained painful injuries when trampled on by the fleeing crowd.

The British military police and fire brigades joined the German police and fire officials in fighting the blaze, the communique said.—United Press.

## Relief For Tax Payers

London, Feb. 9.  
British income tax payers may receive after the April budget part or all of \$800,000,000 in post-war credits held for them by the Treasury. Credits of 12,000,000 taxpayers are represented in the total, which is nearly the amount of the American credit to Britain. It has not been decided how much of the post-war credit, taken in the form of income taxes, will be returned. The release of the

# BRITAIN MAY FACE COMPLETE DISASTER IN TEN DAYS

## Vast Production Drive Paralysed; Everything Now Depends On Consumers, Says Shinwell

### Industrial Shut-Down Of Electricity

(By Fraser Wighton)

London, Feb. 8.  
The gravest threat so far to the Labour Government's prestige and the country's struggle for economic recovery is the announcement in Parliament last night that to meet the present fuel crisis, there will be a complete if temporary shut-down of electricity in industry next week as well as a curtailment in domestic supply. Millions of workers will be affected by the stoppage.

A protracted spell of unusually severe weather coupled with insufficient coal supplies from undermanned British mines, has produced an electricity supply-crisis even worse than several which threatened the success of the war effort.

For a period, estimated as likely to be anything from three days to a fortnight, the vast production drive of British factories for overseas exports will be paralysed. Transport will be snow-bound and cannot get coal from the pits—whose output has decreased 50 per cent because of bad weather—to generating stations.

The Fuel and Power Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, little more than a week ago had announced that in the first three weeks after the handing over of the coal industry to public ownership, production had leaped by 125,000 tons over the corresponding period last year. But there are factors which leave Britain's fuel position continuously vulnerable.

#### Man-Power Shortage

After the fall of France in 1940, the then Government allowed a large number of miners to leave the pits for the Services and other essential occupations. Since then there has been a permanent and crippling shortage of man-power in the pits.

Throughout the war also funds will be in the form of deposits in the Government Post Office Savings Bank. Deposits, rather than cash, will be used to encourage them. A total of \$54,406,262 already has been returned to 1,500,000 taxpayers—women over 60 of the American credit to Britain. It has not been decided how much of the post-war credit, taken in the form of income taxes, will be returned. The release of the

there was a continuous increase in the demand for electric power and this demand is now accentuated by the shortage of alternative fuels, such as coal. On a very little more generating capacity than it had in 1929, the British electric supply industry is supplying 60 per cent more electricity.—Reuter.

#### Up To Public

London, Feb. 8.  
The Minister of Fuel, Emanuel Shinwell, told a press conference today that public help is to be sought in the electricity cut to combat Britain's winter fuel disaster. The result in "complete disaster" for the country within 10 days.

His statement came at another Minister, Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross, told an audience at St. Helen's, London, that the future of the Labour Government and the prosperity of the nation were at stake in the present crisis.

Shinwell said the electricity cut, affecting more than half of England and the bulk of major industries, would become effective at midnight Sunday. Shinwell indignantly denied reports that he intended to resign, asserting he would not even contemplate such "shirking," and pointed out the situation could not be overcome by "oratory and criticism."

At the same time, Shinwell said reports from the North are "very bad indeed, with both production of coal and its transportation being affected."

He said a number of pits are not working, canals are frozen and freight transportation has been disrupted.

#### Future At Stake

He defended himself against critics who accused him of lack of foresight, and said if a more stringent programme had been started last autumn there would have been "complaints from all sides."

Sir Hartley, meanwhile, declared, "Certainly, if we don't succeed in overcoming this situation and improving coal production the Labour Government will fall, and there will be an end to any idea of Socialism in our time."

"It is more important than this," he continued. "The whole prosperity and future of the country is at stake, and everything depends entirely on the individual. We have got to work in our offices with our overcoats on."

Sir Hartley said Britain faced a situation "just as serious as that of 1939-40"—United Press.

#### Shinwell Target

London, Feb. 9.  
The Fuel Minister, Emanuel Shinwell, one time irrepressible critic of Conservative and Coalition government leaders, was the chief target today from practically all sections of the British press, including Labour.

"Shinwell must go," three Conservative provincial papers proclaimed in comments on his admission that industrial electricity power must be cut off next week in half of England, because of coal distribution failures.

The big national dailies were less specific but equally critical. Even the Labourite "Daily Herald" took Shinwell and other members of the Cabinet to task for failure to keep the public informed of the developing crisis.

"Frankly we think that several of the ministers 'deserve themselves' the ruling party's official organ said.—(Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

## Remove Shinwell Demand

London, Feb. 8.  
A demand for the removal of Mr. Emanuel Shinwell from his post of Minister of Fuel and Power was adopted today in a resolution passed by members of the Liberal Party.

The resolution said that "the present catastrophe" was foreseeable and that a "first class business brain" could have prevented the occurrence of the present situation. It therefore urged the Prime Minister "immediately to replace Mr. Shinwell with a business man" and added that "as Mr. Shinwell has lost the confidence of friend and foe alike, he should not be transferred to any other Government position."—Reuter.

## Background To Fuel Crisis

London, Feb. 9.  
Britain's fuel crisis, which is forcing millions out of work and sapping the nation's economic recuperation, has been developing for a third of a century.

The war and cold wave have aggravated the deteriorating position that England might easily be thrust into economic chaos for years to come. Past records indicate there is little hope the situation can be improved much before spring ends the heavy drain on fuel supplies. Even summer may bring only temporary respite.

Douglas M. P., and former economic advisor to Prime Minister Attlee, put it this way in the House of Commons:

"We shall finish this winter with a level of stock which is absolutely disastrous and if we do not build up stocks and have much more than the normal rate of production in the summer, the industry will come to an almost complete stop in November and December of this year."

The situation developed in this fashion.—

#### 1913 Record

In 1913, Britain produced a record 287,000,000 tons of coal with 107,000 miners. The labour force rose for seven years to an all-time high of 1,227,000 in 1920. But they fell 57,000,000 tons short of the 1913 production.

Inefficient aging miners, methods of work, poor wages and bad working conditions were factors in the low output. Wages and conditions kept young men from entering mines.

In any event, tonnage dropped year after year to a low of 182,000,000 tons in 1945. The number of miners fell to less than 700,000. West complications of the war entered the scene.

When the war ended, aged miners and young conscripts who chose mining in preference to military service abandoned the pits. Demobilized former miners did not fill the gap.

#### Inevitable

And winter turned out to be the severest in nearly 70 years. Consumption of revivified industry and for homes rose to the highest in history. Combination of low stocks and

## New Plan For India Wanted

London, Feb. 9.  
The British Government must "sooner or later, although not immediately, put forward a new plan for India," a highly authoritative source told the United Press today.

The division between the All-India Congress Party and the Muslim League now runs so deep that a "coalition" administration for India postulated by the British Government has faded into a dream, and new proposals must be planned at an early stage unless India is to dissolve into a state of continuous riots and ultimate civil war," the high authority said.

Resolutions adopted by the Muslim League and the Princes not to enter the Constituent Assembly unless the Congress Party conceded to their demands left the Assembly "to all intents and purposes a continuous session of the Congress Party . . . and it was impossible for the British Government to accept a proposition that the constitution for India could be formulated by one section of the community."

#### No Statement

In the meantime, officials of the India Office said there was no indication that the British Government would make a statement on India during the coming week. The officials intimated that the British Cabinet was too preoccupied with the crisis in domestic food, fuel and manpower positions, which were admitted to be calamitous.

British Government quarters likewise said there was no indication today that the Cabinet intended making any statement on India in the immediate future, but it was conceded that "some new form of approach to the problem might prove necessary."

Pandit Nehru's letter to Viceroy Lord Wavell, which was

## "NO CONFIDENCE" MOTION?

London, Feb. 8.  
A determined attempt will be made by the Opposition to get all the time available after questions in the House of Commons on Monday, devoted to a debate on the electricity cut.

There are to be conferences of the Conservative leaders of the Opposition this weekend and the matter may end in the Opposition putting forward a motion of "no confidence" in the Government.—Reuter.

## 'We Are At War With Jewry'

Devizes, Feb. 8.  
Ivor Worth, former British Army officer, admitted in court today that he had tried to set fire to the Bristol Synagogue because "we are at war with Jewry."

The court placed him, on probation for three years. Worth said he had poured gasoline over old rags and linoleum and tossed a lighted match on the pile.

A witness testified to hearing Worth say, "As far as I can see we are at war with Jewry. The Jews in Palestine are getting aid from outside. I felt it was time that we hit them back."—United Press.

## RITTER VON EPP DEAD

Munich, Feb. 9.  
The death of General Franz Ritter von Epp, 78, chief of the famous Bavarian "Frei Corps" in Germany's turbulent between-wars period and a Hitler intimate, was announced in the German press.

The last public role of the colorful Nazi general was his self-appointed leadership of a separate Bavarian Government which tried to defend Munich and then make armistice with the American forces in April 1945.

The offer was rejected. Munich and Epp were captured.—Associated Press.

referred to the Cabinet, in effect asked the British Government to undertake the task of getting the Moslem League out of the interim government. Highly authoritative quarters described the task as "dubious and delicate," and in view of foreign policy difficulties elsewhere, particularly in the Middle East the British Government could not be unkind of the fact that the Moslem League had supporters in a larger Moslem world outside of India.—United Press.

## "Coal Riots" In Shoreditch

London, Feb. 8.  
Police were called out to quell three "coal riots" in Shoreditch today as crowds of men and women raided coalyards which had refused to sell them coal.

No arrests were made and the police had little difficulty in dispersing the people, according to a spokesman at the Shoreditch police station. The establishments raided included the Bush Coal shop, Roth coal yards and the E. & G. Range coal yard. Police were called twice in the latter place. More than 100 persons were

counted in each group, most of them equipped with wagons, wheelbarrows or bags. They tried to force their way to coal bins where fuel for use on rationing only was stored.

The manager of the Range yard said, "They shouted abuse at us, threatened us and attempted to raid the store. The arrival of the police prevented their breaking in."

Today's disturbances were the first reported during the lengthy coal shortage.—United Press.

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## Heaviest Snow Of The Winter

London, Feb. 9.  
The heaviest snow of the winter fell in England early today as millions of Britons prepared for "black Monday" when the drastic power cuts go into effect to avert a "national disaster."

More than 10 inches of snow fell in some areas, further dislocating transportation—one of the major factors responsible for the present emergency. Even in London, which normally is cleared quickly, people walked in gutters to make progress.

A 100 per cent power cut to industries in more than half of England is scheduled to go into effect at midnight. Millions of men were forced into idleness for an unknown period although Fuel Minister Emanuel Shinwell expressed the hope that shutdowns would not be longer than one week.

Housewives are worried about the cut in power to homes from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Government opponents compare the situation with Dunkirk. Ordinary folks, like taxi drivers and waiters in restaurants, laugh heartily when Shinwell's name was mentioned.

Londoners who have naturally queued for years for practically everything they want—food, drink and cigarettes—are doing it again, this time for candles and paraffin. Light the queues are longer and the demand greater. Some people stood for hours in biting winds and periodic sleet. They wanted hurricane lamps and portable heating stoves—anything which they could use for cooking and lighting.

Thousands queued at coal stores in a desperate attempt to get last-minute supplies. Many pushed home-made carts and prams in which to carry coal—if they got it.

Builders are kept busy patching up old-fashioned fireplaces for use when the heat goes off.

And in Europe  
And across bleak Europe, where more educated and well-off people live than anywhere and where war has wrecked devastation unparalleled in modern times, here was the miserable picture:

Italy—In this country where for months electricity has been cut off for long periods due to coal and water shortages, floods from heavy rains and melting snow killed 10, left thousands homeless and forced emergency government moves to relieve the suffering.

Switzerland—a tiny land which was looked upon as a luxury place in this great winter of discontent—finds itself in the same trouble. Restaurants and bars have been ordered to cut down by a third. Cuts on various industries have been forced because the water in reservoirs behind the power dams is low.

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## THE WEATHER

The ridge over China has moved NW with pressure falling in the W. A trough on which depressions are forming extends S and W of the Kurile to the coast of S. China. Pressure remains low over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E winds, becoming variable for a time; weather dull with occasional rain or drizzle but improving later.

Yesterday's Weather:—  
Maximum: 42.5 deg. Fah.  
Minimum: 34 deg. Fah.  
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1: 70.3 mm. as against an average of 46.4 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
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Rel. Humidity 82 82 %  
Dew Point 65 64 deg. F.  
Wind Direction E E  
Wind Force 14 21 knots.

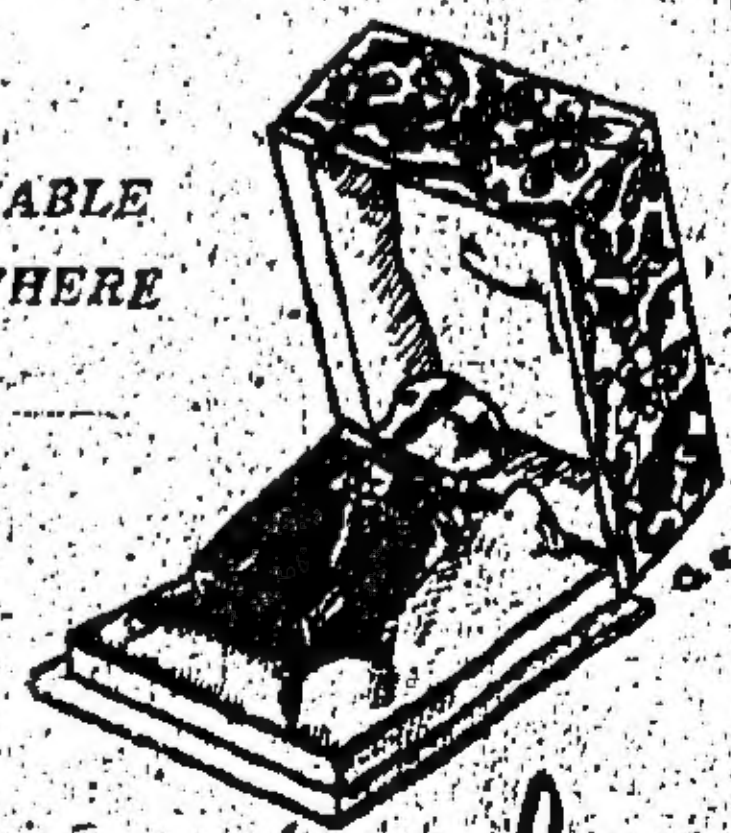
## AIR CRASH TOLL

Shanghai, Feb. 9.  
The death toll in the crash of the Chinese Air Force transport plane near Chungking is now reported to be eleven with three others seriously injured.

Earlier reports said eight had been killed, and three injured. The plane, which was trying to make Chungking from Shensi, the provincial capital of Sian, made a forced landing some miles from its destination when it lost contact with Chungking field.—Reuter.

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## Nazi Steel Magnate On Trial

(By Alan Dreyfuss)

Nuernberg, Feb. 8.  
The first indictment drawn up by the United States authorities against German industrialists was filed with the American tribunal here today against Friedrich Flick, 63-year-old iron and steel magnate regarded as one of the richest men in Germany, and four of his associates.

Flick, who built up an industrial empire which included mines, transport and munitions factories, is alleged to have aided the Nazis by means of "velvet" arms companies and corporations.

The associates named with Flick in the indictment are Otto Steinbrinck, Konrad Kaltsch, Bernhard Weiss and Hermann Terger.

The Flick industries were, at the end of the war, the largest manufacturers in Germany of tank parts and also the second largest coal producers in the Ruhr.

All five prospective defendants were named in the first two counts of the indictment which charged them with co-operating in and getting recruitment of foreign slave labour for the factories under their control and subjecting them to inhuman treatment, and with the economic plundering of the industrial potential

of countries overrun by German forces.

#### Himmler's Friends

Flick, Steinbrinck and Kaltsch were accused in a third count of helping to instigate and benefit from the ruthless Nazi race policy of "Aryanisation" under which many Jewish holdings were seized.

Specifically mentioned in this count were widespread coal holdings in Germany, which were seized from Czech Jewish families.

The fourth count against Flick and Steinbrinck alleges that they supported the criminal activities of the Gestapo chief, Heinrich Himmler, with large money contributions, and belonged to the "Himmler Circle of Friends" from 1933 to the end of the war.

The fifth and last count Steinbrinck is charged with membership of the SS as a Brigadier-General.—Reuter.



## No Opposition In Soviet Polls

(By David Brown)

Moscow, Feb. 8. The Soviet Union's millions of voters go to the polls tomorrow to elect the Supreme Soviets of most of the 16 Republics of the Union. Some Republics will vote on Feb. 14 and 16.

Nowhere will there be an opposition candidate. The candidate, who is either a member of the Communist Party or a non-party man or woman, is elected for four years.

In Russia Proper—the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic—740 election districts will each send one deputy to the republic's Supreme Soviet. The elections correspond to the state elections in other countries as the Supreme Soviet of the whole Union was elected last year for a four-year term.

Sliding and skating contests, motor-cycle races, special theatre shows and concerts will give Moscow's election day a holiday atmosphere.

Since dawn today men and women have been shovelling snow and chipping ice off the pavements to clear Moscow's streets for the citizens to go to the polling booths.

### Real Butter

The city's squares resounded with music, blared from loudspeakers and huge portraits of leaders and slogans bearing banner.

Housewives queued at stores when the word spread that real butter, instead of oil or lard, was being supplied on food cards to mark the election.

The spirit of election enthusiasm was typified by a report that Mr. Mikhail Maslennikov, candidate for the Russian Supreme Soviet, celebrated by beating for hours, iron badges sufficient for seven working shifts.

The Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda" summed up the party's attitude to the elections by declaring "a new triumph for Soviet democracy will be a shattering blow to the international war-mongers and a new contribution to the work of consolidating a stable democracy throughout the world."—Reuter.

Canton, Feb. 7.

Mr. G. Calvet, newly appointed Consul for Portugal in Canton, called on Governor Lo this afternoon.—KPN.

## FATE OF RUHR OF VITAL INTEREST TO ALL

(By Montague Taylor)

London, Feb. 8.

### Believes That He's Murderer

Port Dix, N.J. Feb. 8. Corp. Joseph Dumas admitted under questioning today he believed that he killed Elizabeth Short, 22-year-old "Black Dahlia," at Los Angeles on Jan. 15. The head of the CID at the Army base, Capt. William H. Florence, declared, "I am definitely convinced this man is the murderer."

Florence continued his questioning of Dumas, who already had signed a 50-page statement about a trip to California during which he had dates with Miss Short.

The statement concluded: "I remember being with her at 11 o'clock or midnight on either Jan. 9 or 10. After that all I remember is waking up in Pennsylvania Station in New York City."—United Press.

"The Ruhr Area," although remaining a component part of Germany, must be placed under inter-Allied control of four states—the Soviet Union, the United States, Great Britain, and France—on whom rests the main responsibility for not allowing the restoration of military and economic potential of Germany and her transformation into a hot-bed of new aggressive wars.

This was the main point in a statement submitted today by the Byelo-Russian delegation to the conference in London of the special deputies for Germany of the Foreign Ministers.

The statement said: "In speaking of the destruction of the military and economic potential of Germany, it is impossible not to point out the necessity for the immediate carrying out of the programme of military and economic disarmament of the Ruhr."

"The fate of this region is of vital interest to all Allied nations and therefore a special regime should be established there different from that in any other part of Germany."

### Nazis Active

"In order to prevent the danger of new aggression on the part of Germany it is necessary, together with the destruction of her military and economic potential, to destroy the existing extraordinary concentration of capital in trusts, cartels, etc. There is only one way—to liquidate the existing monopolies and to prohibit the formation of new ones."

"The management of all the largest industrial, transport, commercial and banking institutions, must be placed in the hands of democratic organs of state powers."

"A number of facts prove that the Nazi movement in Germany is still in existence. Available information indicates that the consistent implementation of decisions of the Berlin conference on De-Nazification is not always being carried out and not in all parts of Germany. Active Nazi and persons hostile to the aims of the Allies have not yet been completely removed from the organs of German administration, public organisations, private enterprise, the educational system, the courts, the press, and so on."

### Big Industrialists

The statement continues: "The enemies of democratic re-organisation of Germany rally round the big industrial magnates, active Nazis, who, despite the Berlin decisions, are allowed to retain responsible posts. The aims and tasks of the democratisation of Germany require the most rapid and determined completion of de-Nazification."

Dealing with the state structure of Germany, the statement advocates the creation of a united Germany in which the organs of self-government of the German provinces will be "invested with broad democratic rights." In the case of the dismemberment of Germany small German states would not be viable either in the economic or the political sphere.—Reuter.

### DEATH OF MRS. M. M. WORLEY

New York, Feb. 9. Mrs. Mildred May Worley, 64, wife of Bishop Ralph A. Ward, Methodist Bishop of Shanghai area, died at Kiang, China, on Friday, the Methodist Board of Missions reported.

Mrs. Ward rejoined her husband in China last December.—Associated Press.

## UNO To Ponder Intervention

Lake Success, Feb. 8.

The United Nations Security Council will meet in extraordinary session on Monday morning to take up the question of the remaining Greek guerrillas under sentence of death, regarding whom the United Nations commission of inquiry now in Athens has asked for guidance.

(The commission asked for guidance as to whether it was empowered to intervene on behalf of the guerrillas under sentence of death at Kifissia, in northern Greece.)

The Greek Government ordered the postponement of the execution at the same time instructing its representative in New York to oppose intervention by the commission.

It was reported in Athens yesterday that three of the condemned men had been executed because the reprieve had not reached Kifissia in time.

Reliable sources in New York said that all the condemned men had already been shot, as the

London, Feb. 8.

### Refugees Not Wanted

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.

A call to the Allies to settle the question of the 200,000 German refugees still in Denmark was made tonight by Hans Hedtoft, leader of the Danish Social Democrat Party, at a political meeting in Frederikshaven.

Denmark was disappointed, he said, that the biggest problem facing the country since the war had still not been settled by the great powers. It should be an easy matter, he contended, to remove refugees from Denmark to Germany, as 90 per cent of them were from East Prussia.

Hedtoft expressed thanks to Gustav Rasmussen, Danish Foreign Minister, was supported by the entire population in his efforts to obtain a settlement which would enable Denmark to be relieved of German refugees this year, he added.—Reuter.

### Berlin's Death-Rate

Berlin, Feb. 9.

Berlin's death rate increased threefold, as compared with the pre-war figure, according to Dr. Hans Strobel, Chief Statistician of the Berlin Institute of Social Insurance.

In 1939, out of a population of 4,300,000, 62,000 Berliners died, while during the first post-war year, from July, 1945 to June, 1946, the rate increased to 182,000 from a population of approximately 3,000,000, Dr. Strobel revealed.

The German statistician attributed the increased death-rate to bad living conditions such as food, housing and fuel shortages. He pointed out that old people and those getting the fifth category of ration cards, which are known here as "starvation rations," were the chief sufferers.—Central News.

## BULGARIA SAYS PEACE TREATY IS CRUEL

Sofia, Feb. 8.

As the day for the signing of the peace treaties (Monday) in Paris approaches, the terms imposed on Bulgaria are being deplored here in a chorus of comment. Thus, under the heading "The New Burdens," the former Finance Minister, Mr. Petko Stoyanov, describes the treaty as "cruel."

The treaty, he says, fails to take account of the fact that Bulgaria alone among the defeated nations fought Fascist Germany and for the United Nations victory sacrificed the lives of 32,000 of its sons and expended 280 milliard leva.

The entire press expressed the nation's gratitude for the preservation of the country's territorial integrity, but deeply mourns the fact that the treaty fails to recognise Bulgaria's "lawful claims" to Western Thrace.

Discussing the special address which the Bulgarian delegation will submit to the Big Four Foreign Ministers, the Communist Party newspaper, "Rabotnichesko Delo," writes: "The Government will make every effort conscientiously to fulfil the obligations of the peace treaty, because it stands for peace and international collaboration."

"The Bulgarian Government, therefore, legitimately demands that means be found to eliminate certain severe and unjust clauses in the treaty."

### Soviet Praised

Supporting the Government's address to the Big Four, the National Committee of Olay (Fatherland Front), in a manifesto to the Bulgarian people, outlines what it regards as the injustices of the treaty, but says they would have been comparatively more severe but for Olay and the saving act of liberation on Sept. 9, 1944.

Criticising the opposition efforts to blame Olay for the

### FLOATING ICE

Oslo, Feb. 8.

Ice has nearly closed the channels leading into the south Norwegian port of Frederikstad, it was reported today from Hvaler island, at the entrance to Oslo fjord. Floating ice round the Norwegian coast is causing anxiety to Norwegian port and shipping authorities.—Reuter.

### Ickes Appeal For Jews

New York, Feb. 8.

Jews who want to go to Palestine should be allowed to do so and if necessary should receive the protection of the United States and Britain, declared Mr. Harold Ickes, former United States Secretary of the Interior, here today.

Mr. Ickes, who was speaking at the "Conference of Hebrew Liberation" sponsored by the American League for a Free Palestine, said: "Those Jews who want to go to Palestine have a right to do so and ought to be permitted to do so to the capacity of Palestine to absorb them."

"They not only should be permitted to go; they should be protected if necessary by Britain and the United States. Loans should be promptly and generously forthcoming, principally from the United States, not as charity but to help them to develop their land."—Reuter.

### Anglo-Egyptian Relations

Cairo, Feb. 9.

The Egyptian Senate's Foreign Relations Committee rejected a suggestion by former Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha that direct negotiations be renewed with Britain for revision of the 1936 British-Egyptian Treaty.

Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha informed the Chamber of Deputies on Jan. 27 that negotiations had collapsed and that the problem would be submitted to the United Nations.

Sidky Pasha told the Senate Committee today that he doubted whether any international body at present could enforce its decision, even if Egypt's case won support.—Associated Press.

Canton, Feb. 7.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has been notified by the National Government that the Canadian Delegation in Nanking has appointed Mr. Kenneth F. Noble and Mr. Charles R. Gallow to be commercial attaché and deputy commercial attaché respectively for the Delegation in South China.—KPN.

## THAR'S GOLD IN THEM THAR HILLS!

(By "Veckay")

The Gold Rush is not only on, but has accelerated as hundreds, perhaps thousands as the day wore on, wound their way up the steep slopes of Mount Parker throughout yesterday. It may have only been a more multitudinous Sunday crowd, though probably the official statement attesting to gold valued at H.K.\$1,520,000 being unaccounted for might have given the rush added impetus.

Everyone was there yesterday from Sookunpoo Jim and Deadeye Lim to Yamati and his Partner. The scene from Island Road resembled the type of migration that comes of an ant hill being upset, as two long streams caught the eye, one wending uphill and the other down.

There were (a geographically explainable fact), more Chinese than spirited the crags and rapids toward the Klondyke or the endless roads to Kalgoolie. There were also Occidentals in abundance, soldiers, sailors and civilians.

Many turned back disappointed after viewing the "staked claims" all about the peak as serious-looking types bored tunnels and swung picks and shovels. There are already legends that have grown around Mount Parker, such that of the adventurous local blood who struck a vein of six coins and of a party of soldiers who struck a dozen.

Nobody yesterday showed evidence of having struck "pay dirt," though it might have been that someone had and wasn't too talkative about it. There were some grim looking folk about, also, who could be taken for hijackers looking for the timid lad who struck a gold bar and hadn't savour fare enough to conceal his pleasure.

Some of the prospectors appeared also to be out for aluminium rather than gold and made an unearthly din sawing and hacking away at the remains of the gold-carrying airliner, which crashed on Mount Parker on Jan. 25.

### Refreshments

Unlike the Klondyke, where a beefsteak cost twenty-five coppers, refreshments were catered for in Island Road for a reasonable cash payment by hawkers who discovered a district where there were no obstructions bylaws to bother about. Tea, coffee and lemonade were to be had at fairly reasonable rates, beside cakes, fruits, peanuts and various delicacies catering for the Chinese palate.

The more industrious type of stake-layer came, however, with his own provisions and bundles of bedding attested to the fact that some had evidently such high hopes for their "claim" that they preferred to sleep on it.

Some of the types engaged in levelling Mount Parker appear to be not only from "Talpo more far" but even from "Can-

### Frontier To Re-Open

Madrid, Feb. 8.

According to reports from well-informed sources in Barcelona, Spain's frontier with France will be reopened on Wednesday to normal traffic.

No confirmation of the report was available from official quarters but it was pointed out that the Spanish Government has been reducing forces in the Pyrenees region in recent weeks. Four divisions have returned to Madrid so far and it is understood another four have now left the frontier or will do so shortly. Some 16 Spanish divisions, totalling about 150,000 men, were on the Pyrenees frontier until the reductions began.

Recent official statements spoke of restoring the frontier troops to "normal strength." Military observers consider this would imply some six infantry divisions, plus two or three mountain divisions, making a total of about 80,000.—Reuter.

### PRINCE ILL

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.

The Marshal of the Danish Court stated here today that Prince Harald, 70-year-old brother of King Christian of Denmark, is losing his strength. The Prince has been ill for several days with an ailment affecting both lungs.—Reuter.

To-morrow's meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will be held as usual at 12.30 p.m. at the Gloucester Hotel. By courtesy of the Royal Naval Film Unit, a talking picture will be screened, entitled "Men of Africa."

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# MOST SHAMEFUL STAIN IN British, Chinese WORLD HISTORY

## Film Star's Divorce

Los Angeles, Feb. 8. Long separations necessitated by his profession, were claimed by the reason for break up of his marriage by Herbert Rawlinson, 61-year-old veteran British born actor, film and radio star, when granted a divorce from his 48-year-old wife, Lorraine in Los Angeles today.

After 22 years of married life, he said, he left home. "We grew further and further apart," he added.

Their son David Rawlinson, 20, told the court that it would be "better all round" if his parents were divorced. His custody was awarded to Mr. Rawlinson.—Associated Press.

## Film Review

"The Postman Always Rings Twice" (showing at the Kings) is callous, brutal, low and suggestive to a surprising degree—yet at the same time it is so intense, so finely directed, that one has, almost grudgingly, to admit that it is very fine indeed. Why? Surely one cannot call fine a story of lust and murder, such as John Cain wrote and such as is shown with brilliant sordidness in this picture. Yet, it is so and there's no getting away from it.

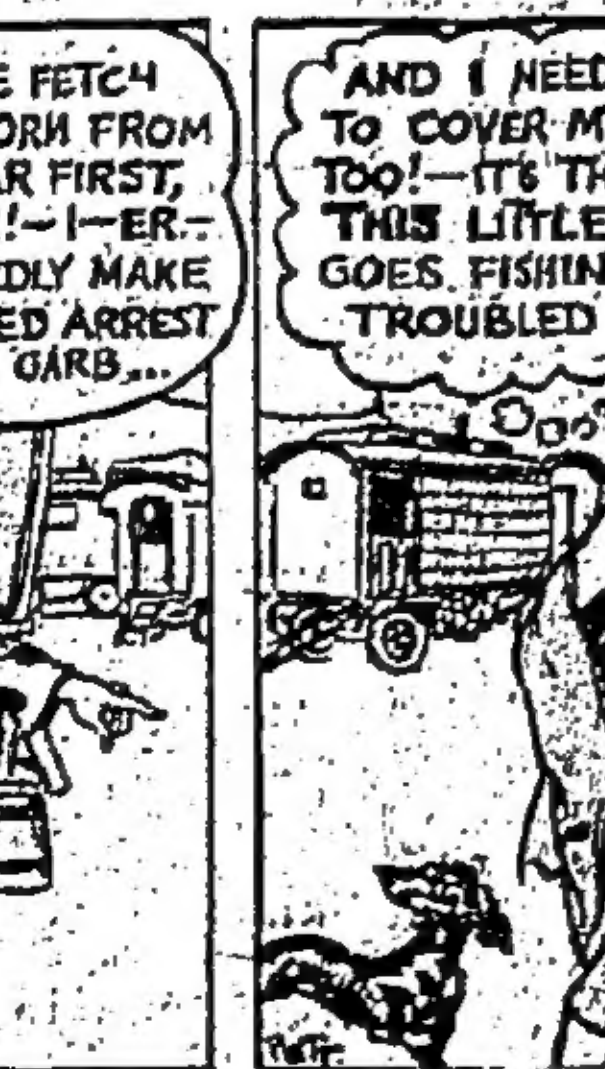
A man (played by John Yarfle) — a restless wanderer — takes a job in a roadside cafe. The owner (played with polished ease by Cecil Kellaway) is good to him, yet the falls in love with the owner's wife (Lana Turner) — a case of mutual attraction. An impossible situation develops and the pair plot an abortive murder. Again, on the recovery of the owner, despite themselves they again plot murder and are this time successful.

A sordid court case follows in which they escape due to the twisted genius of a lawyer. They quarrel; make up; and then the woman is killed in a car wreck which a jury thinks was deliberate and for which the man dies. Not a very pleasant tale is it?—decidedly immoral by any standards (though of course the Johnston Office is only concerned with low-bosomed gowns as in the "Wicked Lady").

"Laura" and "Double Indemnity," if they proved anything at all, established that in the brittle atmosphere of sex and murder Hollywood cannot be bated. That conclusion is underlined in red ink three times by "The Postman Always Rings Twice" which has tension and, believe it or not, a weird sincerity—even simplicity—of its own. It is not in the setting, which, though good, is not extraordinary, but, I feel, in the overall conception allied to the detail work of speech, accuracy of scene and mood, and in the characters, the soft-hearted speed-ster, the cynical lawyer, the scandal-thirsting café crowd and many more.

The moral of the picture that death must expiate the crime of murder does not take one whit away from the deadly, poisonous glamour of what may only be described as evil. "The Postman Always Rings Twice" is powerful and should be labelled definitely for those who are not squeamish. It is good, but one cannot help feeling sorry that it is so good.

## "JANE"



## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



Nanking, Feb. 8.

The Prosecutor, Chen Kwang-yi, of the Military Tribunal trying Lt. Gen. Hsiao Tani for the Rape of Nanking in December, 1937, described the incident as the "most immoral and cruel atrocity ever committed and the most shameful stain in world history," and demanded the death sentence for the defendant.

Tani, replying to prosecution charges through an interpreter, asserted that the accusations were "fundamentally wrong" and flatly denied having committed the crimes attributed to him.

The prosecutor said Tani could not escape responsibility for massacre which "brought the greatest humiliation to China, and the blood of thousands of traitors could not wash away this humiliation."

The prosecutor concluded his speech by asking the death penalty for the 65-year-old Japanese general who admitted having commanded a division during the Chinese capital first in December, 1937.

More than 1,000 spectators burst into loud applause when they heard the demand for the death penalty but quickly were brought to order by the judge—Chief Justice Shih Mei-yu—who reminded the audience that the prosecutor's demand did not constitute a judgment.

Tani commenced the final defence speech refuting the prosecution charges but the court was adjourned shortly after 6 p.m. before the Japanese general could finish, whereupon the judge promised him that he could complete his arguments in the next session.

The prosecutor contended that all charges against Tani had been amply substantiated by evidence—killing, raping and looting by the troops of his command.

He estimated that there were 400,000 victims of the Rape of Nanking charging that 300,000 were killed and were known to have been buried by the Red Cross and similar organizations.

## Not Fair

Tani showed no emotion during the trial. He spoke in Japanese and charged the proceedings were unfair contending that the evidence was one-sided and investigations were conducted only by Chinese authorities.

He said no material evidence had been submitted to prove his guilt.

He denied that he was the top commander at Chungking Gate in Nanking where most of the killings reportedly occurred, saying that a certain General Yanikawa, who is now dead, held that post.

He argued that he always lectured his troops on discipline and never ordered them to kill, rape or loot.—United Press.

## UNRRA FOOD BURNED

Manila, Feb. 8. A quarter of a million dollars worth of UNRRA foodstuffs and clothing intended for Philippines relief was burned on Saturday night in a spectacular fire which destroyed the Philippines Relief and Rehabilitation Administration warehouse in north Manila.

A major conflagration which might have spread to a large area in the crowded Tondo slums district was avoided by the prompt arrival of Manila and United States firemen.—Associated Press.

## CHIANG ACCEPTS MM

Paris, Feb. 9. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has notified the French Government of his acceptance of the Médaille Militaire, the highest French military decoration.

The medal was awarded to five major wartime leaders: Chiang, Winston Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin and De Gaulle. Churchill previously accepted. Eleanor Roosevelt accepted the award posthumously yesterday for the late President. Stalin refused on the ground that it is forbidden by Soviet regulations. De Gaulle refused on the ground that it is being offered for his services when he embodied the French nation.—Associated Press.

## U.S. Arctic Moves Criticised

Moscow, Feb. 9.

Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper, said today the United States military measures in the Arctic were "in contradiction to the interests of peace."

The paper added that "reactionary circles of the United States, understanding this full well, try in every way to camouflage these ambitions before the broad masses."

Izvestia said the United States had taken steps to strengthen bases in Iceland and Greenland and sent the carrier Midway and submarines to the Arctic as well as dispatching bombing planes to fly over the Arctic regions.

Such measures, it declared, brought "disapproval on the part of the masses not only outside the United States but in that country."

Warnings of such leaders as Henry Wallace, Claude Pepper, Harold Ickes and others also are well known.

"The activity of the War Department in the Arctic has greatly increased lately. The aims of its measures are in direct connection with the desire of imperialistic circles in the United States to gain a dominating position in the North Atlantic, to penetrate possibly deeper into the Canadian Arctic and become secure there."

Izvestia referred to "the alarm in democratic circles of Canada" at the United States activity and speculated on Canadian official reaction.

It said a Danish newspaper recently published a document "which gave evidence the Department this year were inclined to accomplish measures for improving and expanding bases" in Iceland and Greenland.

The paper added the Danish article discounted reports that the United States was sympathetic to the Danish demand for the liquidation of the 1941 agreement giving the United States protec-

## Kuling To Out-Rival The Peak

Nanking, Feb. 9. A cable tramway, five times longer than the famous Peak Tram in Hong Kong, is to be constructed to connect the well-known summer resort at Kuling with the Yangtse flood plain.

Present method of travel over the route is by coolie-carried sedan chairs up the 10,039 stone steps.

The projected tramway, which will cost one billion Chinese dollars, will consist of two cars, one at each end of a steel cable wound round a drum at the top of the mountain and will be operated by a 250 horsepower motor.

Machinery, cars and other equipment have been ordered from Italy and will arrive within the next three months.

Surveying work was carried out by the Chungking Cable Tramway Company, which during the war built a cable tramway system in Chungking.—Central News.

## British, Chinese Air Talks

Nanking, Feb. 9.

The Anglo-Chinese negotiations for the conclusion of a commercial air pact—which opened last week with the arrival of a four-man British civil aviation mission—probably will end in two to three weeks with the signature of agreement between the two countries, a high Chinese source predicted today.

At present the members of the mission are busy studying Chinese counter proposals to the British proposals submitted by Sir John Baldwin, the head of the mission.

It is learned that on the completion of the China assignment Sir John Baldwin will fly to Manila to begin talks with the Philippine Government for a similar agreement.

Meanwhile Sir John has run into an old comrade in arms Brigadier-General John P. McConnell, head of the United States Army Advisory Group Air Section in Nanking who served as Deputy Commander when Sir John commanded the Allied Air Forces in Burma in 1943-44. Since meeting they have been lunching and dining together and reminiscing on the Burma jungle days.

The completion of the Sino-British agreement will bring an extension of BOAC's Far Eastern "Dragon" route to China—and subsequently to Japan. Sir John hopes, if details can be worked out with General MacArthur.

Sir John revealed that no decision was yet made on the China terminus of the route. This depended on two factors:

1. The ports designated by the Chinese Government to handle international traffic at present these are Canton, Shanghai, Tientsin and Kunming.

2. The type of planes BOAC intends to operate on the run. At present these are Hythe class flying boats.

Of the international ports Shanghai will be suitable for flying boats, according to preliminary investigations conducted by the Air Mission.

The investigation of other locations is still going on.—Reuter.

## CNAC TO USE "SKYMASTER"

Peiping, Feb. 9.

The China National Aviation Corporation has decided to use a "Skymaster" on its first Peiping-Hong Kong trip after the resumption of passenger service on international air route as ordered by the Communication Ministry.

The Skymaster, with a loading capacity of 44 passengers, will take off from Peiping for Hong Kong on Feb. 13, with a brief stop at Shanghai.—Central News.

## CANADIAN WAR GRAVES

The graves of a number of Canadian Service personnel lost during action in Hong Kong have not as yet been located.

It would be deeply appreciated if any person, having knowledge of the death and/or burial of Canadians in Hong Kong during the period of hostilities, would communicate with the D.A.D. War Graves, Room 18, Post Office Building, 3rd floor, Telephone 24190.

J. A. BAILIE, Lt. Col., Canadian War Graves (Pacific): Hongkong, 5th February, 1947.

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H. DA LUZ, Secretary. Hongkong, 7th February, 1947.

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During the said period when the Register of Members will be so closed it is the intention of the Company to offer to members AS THEN SHOWN ON SUCH REGISTER 300,000 unissued shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each at the price of \$20.00 per share (such price being payable in full upon application within two months from the date of such offer) and so that each such member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up as near as possible 3 unissued shares for every 5 complete shares then held by such member. Any shares so offered to members and not paid for on due date by them or those in whose favour they shall have wholly or partly renounced their rights will be taken up and paid for by Mollers' Trusts Limited at \$20.00 per share.

It is therefore very important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of such offer, forthwith on the opening of the Register present their transfers accompanied by the requisite certificates together with the approval in writing of the Registrar of Companies for registration.

The present authorised capital of the Company is one million shares, of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, of which 472,875 shares have been issued.

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By Order of the Board, R. G. CRAIG, Acting Chief Manager.

Kowloon Docks, 8th Feb., 1947.

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R. G. CRAIG, Acting Chief Manager. Kowloon Docks, 6th Feb., 1947.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd February 1947 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 18th February, 1947.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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## AGREEMENT WITH BURMA

Agreement was reached in the talks last week with the Burmese delegations which went to London at the invitation of the British Government. Since the understanding conceals practically every detail made by the Burmese nationalists before they left Rangoon the concord is not surprising. The main feature of the proposals, set out in a White Paper, is that the Burmese are left free either to accept Dominion status or to walk out of the British Commonwealth. If their decision is to go, the Empire loses at one stroke a population equal in number to the combined totals of the peoples of Canada and Australia. That is the British side of the matter. For the Burmese the main question must be whether, in a country whose whole economic life has been shattered by war, they can afford to stand alone. "Independence" is a heavy wine. It was certain that, once India had been given the right to declare its separation, Burma would be content with no less. Yet in the atmosphere of reality in which the Burmese must frame their Constitution, material considerations must have their influence. In its present condition few countries in the world are more in need of outside aid and support.

"Conclusions," as they are called in the White Paper, provide that the elections in April shall choose a Constituent Assembly to decide the form of government that Burma desires. For the present the Interim Government will exercise power, with the right to decide on all matters of policy and administration and to be consulted as if it were already a Dominion Government. As in the case of India, the Executive Council becomes all-powerful; the British Governor may preside over its deliberations, but his authority to influence policy is reduced to nullity. To put the position in the shortest terms, Burma becomes fully self-governing even before its new Constitution is framed. There remain difficulties about defence and finance. The latter is solved by interest-free loans from Great Britain, which are almost certain to become outright grants, and by the promise "to examine the possibility of a credit with a definite ceiling" but without British control over expenditure. For defence British forces are to remain under British control, but help is to be given in building up Burmese defence forces, always having regard to our heavy commitments in other parts of the world.

There remains to be decided the future of the tribal areas of the people who fought and suffered in the war while many Burmese were collaborating with the Japanese. It is, as Mr. Attlee said, the objective of the British Government that these shall ultimately take their place in a unified Burma; but that, as far as can be ascertained, is not their present wish. A wise decision is taken in sending Mr. Bottomley, Under-Secretary for Dominion Affairs, to ascertain the desires of men who held fast in loyalty to the Empire in the darkest days. Without their consent there can be no thought of forcing them into the framework of the new Burma. Many other points are left obscure in the White Paper, as, for instance, the treatment that is to be accorded to the Indian and British industrial and commercial interests that built up the prosperity of the country. Power to defend them is being surrendered. Finally it should be noted that two members of the delegation, U Saw and Thakin Ba Sein, do not accept the conclusions. Both are leaders of parties in Burma, and their dissent may contain the germs of trouble. Neither had any alternative proposals to put forward. Since all that was demanded has been given, they could scarcely know what more could be asked.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS ROUND-UP

London, Feb. 9. The Government's first White Paper on the economic state of Britain, in phrases of irresistible logic, proclaimed that this country faces national bankruptcy unless production and exports can be increased in spite of all handicaps, cast its shadow over the House of Commons during the first Parliamentary week after the Christmas recess.

Though the subject was not brought up in the debating chamber itself, it was much discussed by members in the lobbies, smoking rooms and committee rooms of the House and Winston Churchill, leader of His Majesty's Opposition, was quick to pounce on it.

Before Christmas, Churchill had announced his intention to move a vote of censure against the Government—"for tyranny, conceit and incompetence," as he put it then. Although such a move by the Leader of the Opposition is, in normal times, certain of overwhelming defeat, it gives the opposition the chance of a debate during which they can attack the Government as at other times.

The Government's handling of the coal situation was to have been the Conservatives' chief target for attack, but since the beginning of last month there has been much talk in political circles that Churchill had retreated—for the time being, at least—in face of the initial success of the coal industry's nationalization, which sent coal output figures soaring during January.

Now Churchill has hinted that he may change the vote of censure with the forthcoming "grand economic inquest"—the fulcrum debate on both the White Paper and the Labour Government's White Paper on economic affairs which the Government is to issue this month.

Before mentioning this move which, the Conservative believe, would cause the maximum of embarrassment to the Labour Government, Churchill had made a long statement regarding Parliamentary proceedings on various Bills, and had pressed, for an early debate on Foreign Affairs and a debate on Palestine, where, he said, "for 18 months there has been no decision and no progress."

Lord Privy Seal Arthur Greenwood, on behalf of the Government, promised that the Foreign Affairs debate would take place soon and added, that Bevin was "very anxious to meet the House on this issue."

"What about the vote of censure?" shouted Tom Scollan, a Labour back bench, when Churchill appeared to have finished his remarks.

"I was just coming to that," retorted Churchill. "Timing must always be considered as well as urgency. He suggested that the vote of censure might be combined with the economic debate—'this saving the Government time for other business.'"

"I want to know where the Leader of the Opposition is searching for ammunition for his vote of confidence" remarked Scollan.

"Honourable Members cannot ask questions of those who are not responsible for the Government," the Speaker said drily, and Churchill did not reply.

**Anglo-French Conversations**

The most important Foreign Policy matter raised in the House was the subject of the Anglo-

French Conversations on the renewal of the "entente cordiale." "I would like to make it clear that His Majesty's Government are anxious to enter into negotiations for such a Treaty of Alliance as soon as the new French Government is ready to do so," stated Premier Attlee.

William Warbey, a left-wing Labour member, asked Attlee to make it clear that the Anglo-French Treaty, "which would be warmly welcomed in all quarters of the House," would not in any way be a substitute for the

— By —  
**EDWIN ROTH.**

Anglo-Soviet Treaty, but was intended as a supplement to a general system of European security, of which the Anglo-Soviet Treaty constituted an essential part. "Obviously a Treaty with no power cannot be a substitute for a Treaty with another," said Attlee. "Our French friends and our Russian friends have a Treaty, and we have a Treaty with our Russian friends. The more Treaties and alliances we get within the ambit of the United Nations, the better."

**Danish Butter**

Danish butter, under from France, Austria and Rumania and British coal, exports were also discussed in the House.

Lieut. Col. Walter Bromley-Davenport, Conservative, asked the Minister of Food from which countries, including countries within the British Empire, but not obtained at present, at prices below the price of Danish butter and whether account had been taken of the fact that while Britain can force down the price of Danish food by a system of bulk purchases, Danish imports from Great Britain are not subject to any similar bulk purchase scheme.

He also asked whether the Minister was aware that, while Britain has only been paying 4.13 kroner a kilo for Danish butter, the USSR was prepared to pay 4.71 kroner and Poland and whether in view of the importance of preserving an ample and regular flow of Danish food to this country, the Minister would take these factors into account in continuing the negotiations.

"I am discussing the purchase of dairy products with an official Danish delegation in London," replied John Strachey, the Minister of Food. "The prices we are paying for butter from other sources of supply are in every case below the Danish price. The figures, per hundred-weight, are: New Zealand 175 shillings; Australia, 173 shillings six pence; Kenya 171 shillings; Denmark, 220 shillings."

Air-Commodore Arthur Harvey, Conservative, asked whether the Minister was aware that if he continued paying low prices for butter, food-stuffs in Denmark the Danes would be compelled to purchase finished goods from other countries rather than from Britain.

"Is the Minister aware," said Harvey, "that the Danes are steadily losing respect for this nation?"

"I have just read out the prices which show a very wide margin of increase in the Danish prices over those which we are paying elsewhere," replied Strachey.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

### ARE SIX AGAINST YOU?

In ordinary circumstances, a trump suit is dangerous if your opponents hold as many as six trumps against you, but comparatively safe if they have five. So, if your partner had bid one major suit twice before then calling the other major, showing at least six cards in the first against only four in the second—you may have a clear choice between a good and a bad trump suit. If you hold two cards in his first suit, your side has eight and the defense only five, whereas if you have three in the second suit, your side has just seven and the opponents six, with one probably holding four.

S A 6 6	
H J 6	
D K 9 7	
C K 10 5 4 2	

S Q 7	N S 10 8 4 3
H Q 2	H K 5 4
D Q 10 6 4 3	D J 8 2
C A 9 8 7	C Q J 6

S K J 9 2	
H A 10 8 7 3	
D A 6	
C 3	

Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.

	North	East	South	West
Pass			1H	
Pass			2H	
2NT			3S	
4S				

North went to 4-Spades, instead of 4-Hearts, because he had "better support" for spades, as he described it. Actually he had worse, as two cards are sound support for a six-carder whereas three are one too few for a four-carder. North really had two better bids available than 4-Spades, as he had No Trump stoppers in both minors and a No Trump game would have been makeable.

Looking at all the cards, anybody can see how to make game at Spades, but South struggled vainly for down two by average play. He won the diamond 4 lead with the K, finessed the heart J to the Q, got the next diamond with the A, led to the spade A, finessed the spade J to the Q, ruffed the returned diamond with the spade K, took the heart A, ruffed the heart 10 with the spade 6, scored the club K and then had to give up two trump tricks to East. He had lost three tricks to spades plus a heart and a club.

In 4-Hearts, the most ordinary player should have ruffed home, losing just one trick each in hearts and clubs and one in spades unless he played the suit badly.

**YOUR WEEK-END QUESTION**

What kind of situation, disclosed by the bidding, is most likely to make an opening trump lead desirable?

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You're sure you love me for myself? It's not just the money I'm worth you're after?"

## CHINA TODAY

# Country Split By A Greater Wall

The second of four articles specially written by Gerald Samson.

Deep mistrust and an almost psychopathic suspicion of one another have so far prevented any practical agreement being reached between China's warring factions.

Both the Kuomintang (Nationalists) and the Communists are obsessed with the idea that the aim of the other side is to annihilate it—a feeling buttressed by 20 years of bitter conflict and a never-ending flood of vicious recriminatory propaganda.

While negotiating a basis for close co-operation, both parties have been conspiring for war on a larger scale. Cease-fire agreements have been willfully disregarded when it appeared convenient, and the operations of Truce Teams sent out to investigate these breaches have been deliberately obstructed.

Most of the trouble is being caused by the extremists in both camps, though the strict discipline exercised by the Communist Party makes this more difficult to detect on their side.

Within the Kuomintang there is a numerically small but extremely powerful group of reactionaries dominated by a military clique which seeks to maintain the Army's feudal hold over the nation.

**Military Clique**

High Army officers openly brag of their ability to mop up the Communists in a matter of months and are resentful of the outside pressure brought to bear on the Generalissimo to curb their activities. Regional Commanders have been guilty of numerous provocative acts calculated to sabotage a rapprochement and they have had their effect.

Their colleagues, the civilian die-hards, who are genuinely frightened of Communism, as well as conscious there would be no place for them in a Coalition Government or opportunity to exercise power behind the scenes, are fighting a desperate rear-guard action. "The infiltration tactics of the Chinese Communists are no different from those employed elsewhere. Anyone who does not agree with them cannot exist," I was told by one of their leaders, who added as a parting shot: "The British Labour Party has the same fear of Communism."

**Liberal Victory**

The unanimous vote by which the revised Constitution was passed by the National Assembly last month, however, represents a major victory for the more liberal section within the Kuomintang.

Forty-two per cent. of the attending 1,485 delegates who came from nearly every part of the country including Mongolia, Sinkiang (Turkistan) and Tibet, were Kuomintang members.

Mr. and Mrs. Attlee never dreamed that they would celebrate their Silver Wedding at 10 Downing Street. "We hope," he added, "that they will still be there for their Golden Wedding."—United Press.

The majority of independentists, who made up another 48 per cent, were also animated by the Nationalists.

The remaining 10 per cent. were composed of members of the Young China and Democratic Socialist Parties who at one time formed part of the Democratic League, a loose federation of originally five minor political groups. (The Democratic League, as such, supported the Communist Party decision to take no part in the Assembly.)

The significance of these miniature groupings is the disinterested status of most of their members, who are well-known intellectuals to whom the masses are accustomed to look for guidance.

The Assembly itself was most impressive, and the arrangements for delegates and Press (Chinese and foreign) were on a scale usually associated with international conferences.

The Westernised atmosphere, complete with microphones, loudspeakers and a voting procedure which was as fascinating to watch as a moving electric sign, was a novel experience for most of the delegates, close to one hundred of whom were women.

Although stigmatised by the Communists as "hand-picked," four out of five of the hundreds of delegates who rose to address the Assembly freely criticised the Government, and in committee several of their amendments were accepted.

**New Constitution**

Under the new Constitution there will be a democratically elected National Assembly every six years. Its powers at present are restricted to the election and recall of the President and Vice-President and the amendment of the Constitution.

Other elected bodies are the Legislative Yuan, the highest legislative organ, and the Control Yuan, a supervisory committee with power to institute motions of censure and impeachment.

The Executive, Examination and Judicial Yuns complete the five-branch administrative structure. The Cabinet is the nearest approach to the Executive Yuan and the various Ministries are responsible to it. The Examination Yuan administers the Civil Service and the Judicial Yuan has charge of the judiciary.

"The political battle cannot be fought out on the battlefield, but in better administration," was the most profound comment the Generalissimo made on the current situation, which he discussed frankly whilst taking tea with Madame Chiang, who acted as interpreter.

A better administration coupled with the introduction of universal suffrage and the ballot-box would, indeed, work wonders for China. It would be wise, however, not to expect too much too soon.

**TOMORROW**  
China's Communists



# BRITISH PLAN FOR PALESTINE

## Five-Year Period Of Trusteeship

### Sex Crimes In Worst City

Mannheim, Feb. 9. Tossing their victims into the Rhine in a year long reign of murder, smuggling and sex crimes, lawless gangs of international hoodlums have turned this ruined city into postwar Germany's "crime capital."

Violence and robbery, rivaling Chicago's turbulent bootleg era, American and German police said, held Mannheim in terror—although at least 12 gangs operating amid the wrecked city rubble have been smashed.

Gangmen—Germans, Poles, Russians and men without countries—are costing the United States Government thousands of dollars daily in organized looting of American army depots, and American troops have not been left unscathed.

White and negro prostitutes also have been noted and assaulted. Hundreds of criminals, already have been jailed and hundreds more still are sought by American and German authorities.—Associated Press.

### Witness In Danger

Washington, Feb. 8. The House Un-American Activities Committee moved to protect its witnesses today after hearing reports that one of them feared violence from his former Communist associates.

Rep. Earl Bland said every step would be taken to protect William Nowell, Negro ex-Communist who testified before the Committee Thursday. Nowell, who testified against Gerhardt Eisler, alleged Russian spy, reported indications that he might be in danger.

Nowell told reporters he had seen several Communists from his home town—Detroit—gathered outside a restaurant

### First Reactions Unfavourable

London, Feb. 8. The Arab delegation to the Palestine Conference, after meeting all morning at the Egyptian Embassy, announced that they were preparing a note on the latest British Palestine proposals which would be handed to the British delegation on Monday.

No official statement was made on the contents of the note but Emile El Ghory, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Party, said: "The British proposals are certainly not satisfactory to the Arabs."

"We have not finally decided what to do or whether further discussions with the British could serve any useful purpose."

The Jewish Agency leaders will begin consideration of the proposals this evening as soon as the Sabbath is over.

The British plan is believed here to envisage a five year trusteeship leading up to the calling of a constituent assembly to work out a permanent constitution.

In the five year period, areas of local administration would be established in parts where Jews or Arabs have a large majority and immigration into Jewish areas would be permitted at the rate of 4,000 monthly for two years.

An advisory council of Jews and Arabs would work with the British Central Government.—Reuter.

### Rejection Certain

London, Feb. 8. Arab rejection of the new British proposals for Palestine appeared certain tonight because of the proposed provision for immigration into Palestine of 100,000 Jews within two years.

The Arab delegates reiterated at last week's session of the Palestine conference that they unanimously rejected any solution which provided for Jewish immigration beyond the British White Paper's limitations.

Jewish leaders also appeared determined to reject the new proposals for Palestine.

A Jewish spokesman described in which he was eating last night. When he walked out, he said, they dispersed.—United Press.

The new plan as "much worse than the original Morrison Plan" because it contained nothing that could satisfy Jewish claims. The spokesman for the Arab delegations said today that "great dissatisfaction" with the British proposals was the general feeling among the Arab delegates. He predicted rejection of the new plan in its present form by a unanimous decision.

### Last Chance

British observers believed the proposals provided a last chance for direct negotiations and feared that outright rejection by the Arab states would mean virtual collapse of the Palestine conference.

The Palestine conference was expected to resume its session on Monday when the Arabs would present their answer to the British.

British Government and Jewish Agency representatives were also scheduled to meet early next week, presumably Tuesday, to hear the Jewish reply to the British proposals.—United Press.

### I.L.P. Demand

London, Feb. 8. The Independent Labour Party, which has two members in the House of Commons, tonight issued a statement calling upon the Government "to renounce the mandate and withdraw its troops and authority from Palestine, thereby affording to its present inhabitants the opportunity of governing themselves."

The statement, which was issued under the name of the General Secretary, Mr. J. McNair, added: "We believe the Jewish and Arab workers and peasants will find a common cause if left to themselves. We urge freedom-loving countries to provide shelter and work for refugees or any

### GIRL KILLED FATHER

St. Louis, Feb. 8. Coroner Arnold Willman said today Mary Eardon, aged 14, admitted she shot and killed her father after the latter forced her to a tourist camp with a teen-age boy.

Willman quoted Mary as saying she shot Vincent Eardon because she was afraid he might send her to an institution.—United Press.

### Appeal For Gruner

Jerusalem, Feb. 8. Max Kritzman, partner to Gruner's lawyer, tonight cabled to former United States Senator Guy Gillette, President of the American League for a Free Palestine, asking him to appeal to the Security Council of the United Nations on behalf of Dov Gruner, now under sentence of death here as a terrorist.

Kritzman urged Senator Gillette to intervene because "this case is endangering the peace of the mandatory territory."—Reuter.

### Besieged City

Jerusalem, Feb. 8. Jerusalem was this evening rapidly assuming the appearance of a "besieged city" as security precautions became more comprehensive.

British troops were busy erecting sand-bagged strong points at all main road junctions and laying miles of barbed wire while four "protected" areas in which British officials must now work and live are now completely walled off.

A new batch of 750 illegal immigrants detained in Cyprus will sail for Palestine tomorrow under the immigration quota scheme started last year. On Tuesday, 250 of the survivors from the immigrant ship wrecked off Syria in the "Dodecanese" in December will also be transferred from Cyprus.

The fate of Dov Gruner, Jewish terrorist under sentence of death, is still uncertain. The arrival of his sister from America is still awaited.—Reuter.

### Waiting For Switch In Signals

New York, Feb. 8. The only hope that delegates could see for an early start of the disarmament negotiations was a possible switch in signals from Moscow or Washington. The United States and Russia continued to disagree as emphatically as ever over how to begin the negotiations.

United States officials served notice they would not budge an inch, and there was no hint from Soviet quarters that new signals from the Kremlin could be expected before the dispute goes back to the Security Council for a public airing on Tuesday.

American sources said the United States would fight to the end against the formation of a disarmament commission unless Russia agrees in writing that the new agency would not meddle in the affairs of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission. They made no secret of the suspicion that the Russians were promoting the new arms-scraping commission

### Removing Red Menace From U.S.

Washington, Feb. 9. Speaker Martin pledged the House Republicans to a drive to "remove the Red menace from America."

Mr. Martin said in an interview his party will co-operate fully with the House Committee on un-American activities in its campaign against what Chairman Thomas, Republican, New Jersey, called a Communist "conspiracy."

"We are behind the objective of the committee to remove the Red menace from America and drive it out of the government," Mr. Martin declared.

He reiterated his belief that "a powerful and strategically placed minority has set out to destroy the American system and replace it with Communism."

He added "they are the enemy within our gates. They have wormed their way into posts of power from which they try to shape government policies and influence public opinion."

Mr. Thomas said his committee's encounter Thursday with Gerhard Eisler was "only the first chapter in the committee's drive to unmask a Communist conspiracy to overthrow the Government of the United States."—Associated Press.

with the intention of using it to interfere in the operations of the already-functioning atomic body.—United Press.

### Baby White Elephant Good Luck Omen

(By Doon Campbell)

Pnom-Penh, Cambodia, Feb. 8.

A baby white elephant, powdering himself with dust in the Royal corral after being anointed and received into the palace of the reigning monarch 23-year-old King Norodom Sihan Quk, has meant more to the 2,000,000 Cambodians than any outside news of the French-Viet Nam conflict or the atomic bomb.

Nobody in Pnom-Penh, capital of this French southern Indo-Chinese protectorate of Cambodia is sure of the date of the anointment of the last sacred white elephant. Some say 200 years and some 20.

The white elephant—actually a pink Albino—is only found in Indo-China every thirty or forty years.

Yesterday was a national holiday as the elephant was "fatigued" after the ceremony of anointing, which was carried out with all the pomp and pageantry of the ancient East. Masked Cambodian dancers, clowns in traditional native costumes, detachments of Royal Cambodian Guards, bands and warriors with spears and shields paraded before the King on his dais near the Royal dancing hall.

There followed a bullock race, a water-buffalo race, and lastly an elephant race, each primal with two jockeys, one in front and one astern.

### Good Omen

In the corral, the anointing began with an invocation to the gods by the court astrologer, followed by a song from the Royal elephant attendants, accompanied by life music. After reading out the eight-year-old white elephant's horoscope titles, the court archivist passed three pieces of sugar cane to the King who fed them to the sacred animal.

Then tapping its forehead three times the King whispered advice in the elephant's ear while twenty yellow robed Buddhist priests offered up prayers.

The ceremony is regarded as a great good omen for the country, following so soon after the handing back by Siam of Cambodia's northern provinces ceded during the war.

Pnom-Penh, with its thousands of Buddhas, pagodas, temples, towers and temples, is one of the model cities of Indo-China. The song of birds and exotic music is the only thing that disturbs the peace in the

### Maybe Yes, Maybe No

Paris, Feb. 9. Ambassador Marko Ristic of Yugoslavia indicated today that—despite reports to the contrary in Belgrade—his country's delegation would sign the Italian peace treaty here Monday but he refused to make a flat statement on Yugoslav intentions.

The French Foreign Office announced that the Italian delegation would be expected to sign the treaty in silence.

Ristic conferred with Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Stanoje Simic who arrived in Paris Friday but in reply to queries about reports that Yugoslavia would refuse to sign he said only "Maybe, yes and maybe no. You will see on Monday."

The Belgrade reports said Yugoslav officials maintained they would not sign unless the treaty provisions regarding Trieste were altered to Yugoslavia's satisfaction but since no nation will receive benefits from the treaty unless it signs, Yugoslavia would be deprived of territorial concessions and reparations if it refused.—Associated Press.

### Offer To Kurds

Teheran, Feb. 8. The Iranian Government has offered a permanent asylum to some 15,000 Kurds of Barzani tribes who took refuge in Iran after the rebellion against the Iraq Government a year ago, provided they surrender their arms.

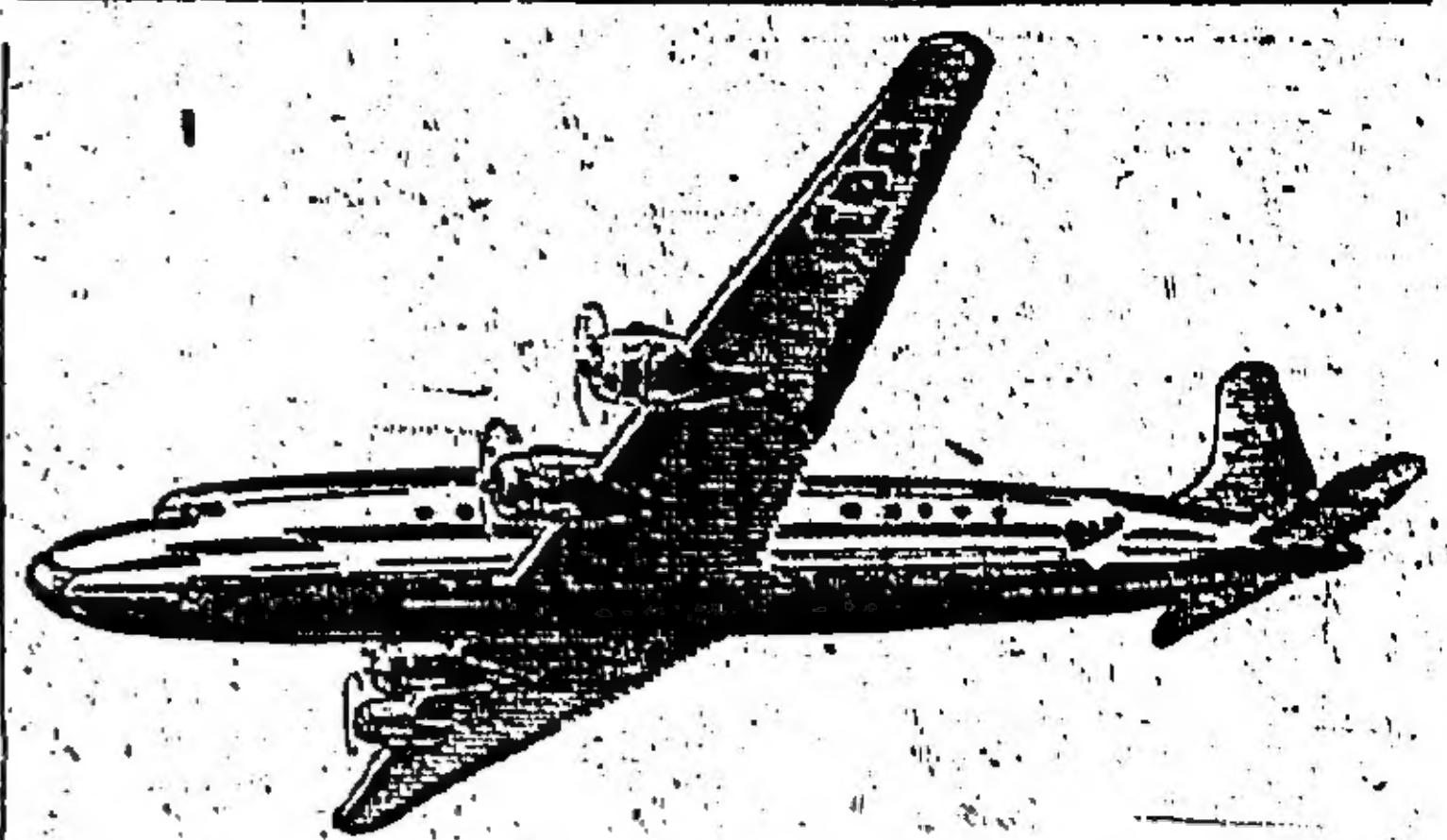
Mullah Mustafa, leader of the tribesmen, left Teheran today with the Government's proposals to consult his followers.

They are offered two courses—either to stay in Iran in a settlement provided by the Government (in which case they must hand over their arms and the Government would assist them with money, seed and agricultural implements), or to return to Iraq without Mullah Mustafa and 100 other Barzanis who were sentenced to death or imprisonment by the Iraq Government.

If both proposals are refused Iran will expel them all without disarming them or handing them over to Iraq.

The Barzanis, of whom there are 2,000 families, totalling about 15,000 people, surrendered to the Iranian Government after the occupation of North Iraq's province of Asoristan, adjoining Kurdistan, by Imperial troops, in December.

The Iranian press reported on Tuesday that the tribesmen, heavily armed, but without food or money, were blackmailing the local people to feed and work for them.—Reuter.



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## U.S.-Soviet Relations

CHAIN OF SUSPICION  
HARD TO INTERRUPT

San Francisco, Feb. 9. Improvement of relations between Russia and America is likely to involve stopping the chain of reaction and suspicion to which both countries have contributed for many years. This suspicion perhaps began in the early days of American independence when the Americans shared a widespread opinion that the Russians were bearded barbarians.

This opinion still colours much of the American thinking. For their part the Russians have suffered from some sort of complex. Breaking out of the landlocked shell some 500 years ago the Russians followed the rivers to the sea, then ventured into conflict with the imperial powers like England, Germany and France. The 19th century is partly a record of Czarist Russian attempts to compete in imperialism. This led to deep suspicion. The suspicion was thoroughly justified in most cases.

**General Suspicion**  
Russia sold Alaska to the United States for a song largely out of fear England might grab it. Later the Americans and Russians came into fuller contact along the coasts of Asia. The United States was sending traders into the Oriental area where the Russians were preoccupied with security interests.

## Hard To Break

Russia's industrial centre of gravity is moving east across Eurasia and spilling into eastern (Continued at foot of next Col.)

## BREAKDOWN IN GERMANY

Hamburg, Feb. 8. A state of emergency has been declared in Stuttgart, in the United States zone, because of the threatened breakdown of all forms of fuel supplies. Householders will receive gas for three hours in the evening, only.—Reuter.

## Eire Feels The Pinch

Dublin, Feb. 8. From Monday next, Dublin will experience the most drastic gas cuts it has ever known.

This morning it already announced reduced supply to 8-1/2 hours as compared with 9-1/2 hours supply available for the past few years.

Monday's cut will greatly intensify cooking problems because of the acute shortage of alternative fuel.

Although Eire obtains much of her electricity from hydro-electrical plants, cuts in the present ratio are expected next week.—Reuter.

## London Money Mart

London, Feb. 8. Money was in short supply for the greater part of the week with bank cash resources still under the influence of tax payments.

This resulted in general unwillingness to lend from day to day and consequently the market which had to meet substantial payments for new bills, experienced great difficulty in covering requirements and had to seek official assistance.

Throughout there was a certain amount of scattered buying of March and April bills by clearing banks. For the first time since the record Christmas note demand, the Bank of England's weekly return showed an increase in note circulation of £6,600,000, representing an increase of £37,250,000 over the amount in circulation a year ago.

To some extent, the larger circulation may be attributed to the inclement weather whereby more ready cash is generally being carried.

On the week, the credit base was smaller by almost the full extent of the outflow of notes since the £5,000,000 increase in government securities due to the special buying of bills from the market has been offset to the extent of nearly £3,500,000 by the decrease in other securities.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £290,000,000, of which £170,000,000 were allotted, with the market receiving at an average rate of ten shillings and 1.51 pence per cent.—Reuter.

## New York Exchanges

New York, Feb. 8. American A/C Sterling, 4.02% 13/16; American A/C Sterling 3 Months, 4.02% 1/2; On Sweden, 2.14 1/2; 2.14 1/2; France, 4% 1/2; Switzerland (Free), 2.44; Spain, 2.25; Portugal, 1.94; 1.94; Australia, 2.22% offered; New Zealand, 2.22% offered; South Africa, 4.4% offered; British East Africa, 2.25 offered; India, 2.22 offered; (Nasdaq) 2.25; Average (Official), 2.25; Argentina (Free), 2.44; Brazil, 3.40; 3.40; Bolivia (Official), 2.25; Bolivia (Free), 2.40; Chile (Official), 2.15; Chile (Free), 2.40; Cuba, 1.94; Colombia, 1.94; Holland, 2.75; 2.75; Mexico, 2.44; 2.44; Peru, 1.94; 1.94; 2.44; Netherlands West Indies, 2.25; 2.25; Montreal on London, 4.04; 4.04; Montreal on New York, 2.25; 2.25; Swiss Bank Notes, 2.25; 2.25; Paraguay, 2.25; 2.25.—Reuter.

New York, Feb. 8. Heavy short covering in late trading quashed a sharp advance in futures. Futures closed \$1.25 to \$1.40 a ton higher.

March 22.25, May 22.25, July 22.25, October 22.25, Dec. 22.25, March 22.25, Midling spot, 22.25 nominal.—Associated Press.

Siberia which is too cold to grow food for a large industrial population. This is an important basis for the Russian interest in the Manchurian breadbasket. It is in line with the traditional policy of seeking that nobody sees her eastern neighbours—Japan, China and Korea—against her.

The suspicious, generated in Asia fit into the general uneasiness that runs around the world. So there is almost an endless succession of suspicious, one leading to another—a chain of reaction that is hard to interrupt.—Associated Press.

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 8. Individual stocks continued to make new highs for a recovery move in the fastest and loudest Saturday session in the past year despite profit cashing on the recent sharp upswing. Gold mines revived and associated favorites pushed up two points, or an Eastern decline prevailed at the close but fractional improvement predominated. Transfers were around 900,000 shares. Gainers included Homestead Mining, American Woolen, Coca Cola and Great Northern.

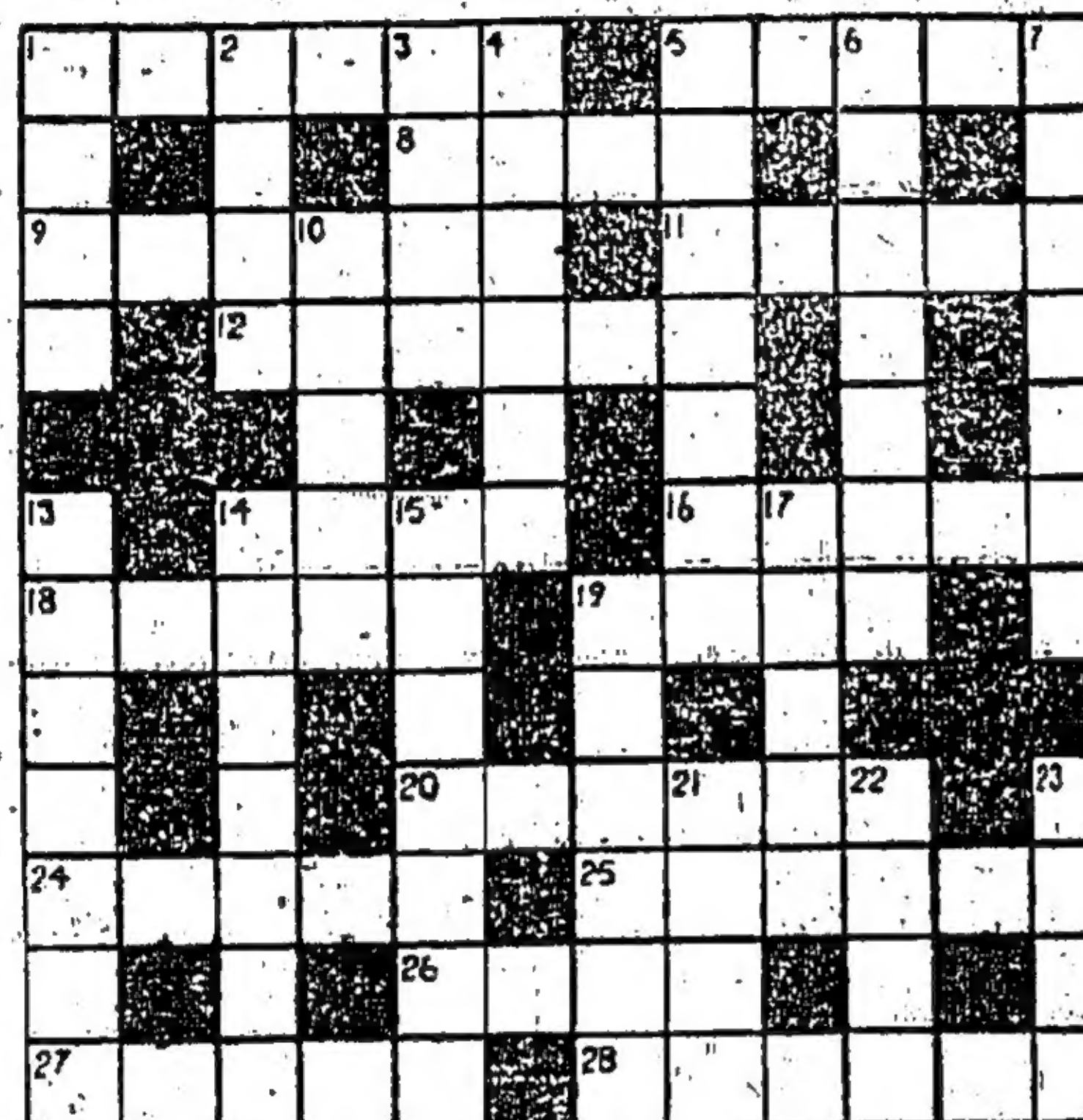
Stocks that were Santa Fe, Texas Company and Philip Morris.

The Dow Jones Average: Stocks 67.16, Industrials 184.40, 15 Rail 12.42, 10 Utilities 37.65.

Closing quotations:—

Atchafalpa 10 1/2, Santa Fe 9 1/2, Baltimore & Ohio 16 1/2, Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2, 1920 5 1/2, Canadian Pacific 14 1/2, Chesapeake & Ohio 5 1/2, Illinois Central 20 1/2, New York Central 21 1/2, New York Transit 3 1/2, 1920 11 1/2, Pennsylvania Railroad 25 1/2, Southern Railway 19 1/2, Union Pacific 34 1/2, Argentine 4 1/2, 1922 1 1/2, Allied Chemical & Dye 17 1/2, American Can 27 1/2, American Rolling Mill 3 1/2, American Smelting & Refining 27 1/2, American Telephone & Telegraph 17 1/2, American Tobacco "B" 32, Anaconda Copper 4 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 3 1/2, Case J. I. 3 1/2, Chrysler Corporation 10 1/2, City Finance Corporation 4 1/2, Consolidated Edison 24 1/2, Du Pont 36, General Motors 19 1/2, Eastman Kodak 23 1/2, Electric Bond & Share 16 1/2, General Electric 30 1/2, General Motors 6 1/2, Goodyear Tire & Rubber 27 1/2, International Harvester 21 1/2, International Nickel of Canada 30 1/2, International Telephone & Telegraph 17, Kennecott Copper 40 1/2, Montgomery Ward 6 1/2, Pacific Gas & Electric 27 1/2, Packard Motors 14 1/2, Pure Oil 24, Radio Corporation of America 10 1/2, Republic Steel 30 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco "B" 4 1/2, Shell Union Oil 10 1/2, Socony-Vacuum Oil 10 1/2, Sperry Corporation 22 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 30 1/2, Standard Oil of Ohio 24 1/2, Texas Corporation 24 1/2, United Aircraft 23 1/2, United Corporation 2 1/2, United Fruit 4 1/2, United Gas 23 1/2, United States Rubber 25 1/2, U.S. Smelting & Refining 17 1/2, U.S. Steel 29, Westinghouse Electric 23 1/2, Woolworth (F.W.) 6 1/2, Chase National Bank 38, National City Bank 42 1/2, x—possible mutilation.—Associated Press and Reuter.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

- Express indignation.
- Bring to a central point.
- Comfort.
- Irishman.
- Concealed.
- Saucy.
- Elevate.
- Quantity of paper.
- Sensed.
- "Hands on hips".
- Spacious.
- Pitcher.
- Wo-d-nymph.
- Lures away.

## Saturday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Slang; 4. Lofah; 8. Narrow; 10. Array; 11. Seller; 14. Wrestling; 17. Dora; 19. Faraway; 20. Instead; 22. Skit; 23. Riddle; 27. Plent; 29. Utter; 30. Circle; 31. Sudden; 32. Fly.
- DOWN:—1. Sine; 2. Aeris; 3.

## Clues Down

- Gown.
- Biblical king.
- Spruce.
- Special aptitude.
- Trail.
- Vanity.
- Joined.
- Narrow to end.
- Multiplied by itself.
- Old-time punishment.
- Passed on.
- Pie in the face.
- Broke down.
- Additional.
- Perfume.
- Spheres.

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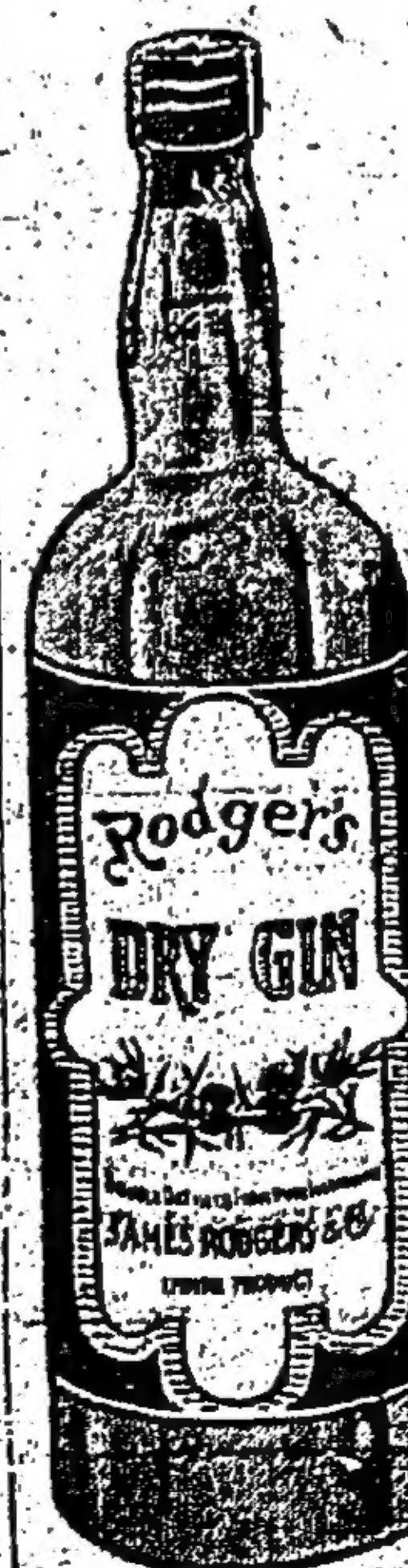
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